



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Lincoln Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Geoffery Essay was sentenced by Senior District Court Judge Warren K. Urbom to a prison term totaling 147 months for bank robbery and brandishing a weapon during a crime of violence. Essay was sentenced to 63 months for the bank robbery of the Union Bank in Lincoln, Nebraska, on April 24, 2009. Essay was also given a consecutive 84 month prison term for brandishing a handgun during the course of the bank robbery. As part of the sentence, Essay was ordered to serve 5 years of supervised release and pay \$1,044 to Union Bank. Essay was also ordered to pay \$200 in special assessments to the United States. Essay also forfeited any interest in the handgun used in the robbery.

On April 24, 2009, Essay went into the Union Bank, located at 4800 Normal Blvd., Lincoln, Nebraska, and demanded money from the bank teller. During the course of the robbery, Essay brandished a handgun. After the robbery, Essay attempted to flee but was apprehended by the Lincoln Police Department after a brief chase. The handgun, the disguise used by Essay, and the stolen money were all located by the police.

Name of Defendant: Geoffery Essay

AKA:

Age: 30

City of residence: Lincoln, NE

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): 18 U.S.C. Section 2113(a) and (d)- Bank Robbery- up to 25 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both, 3 years of supervised release and \$100 Special Assessment.

18 U.S.C. Section 924(c) - Brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence - at least 7 years and up to life imprisonment, \$250,000 or both, up to 5 year supervised release, and a \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: \$1044

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: April 24, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: April 29, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: April 29, 2009

Indictment Returned Date: May 21, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: April 29, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): August 10, 2009

Sentencing Date: November 10, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge:

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without Bond

In Continuous Custody Since: April 24, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Warren K. Urbom

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